

## CERTIFICATE OF APPOINTMENT

The VICE PRESIDENT. The Chair lays before the Senate a certificate of appointment to fill the vacancy created by the death of the late Senator Daniel K. Inouye of Hawaii.

The certificate, the Chair is advised, is in a form suggested by the Senate. If there is no objection, the reading of the certificate will be waived and it will be printed in full in the RECORD.

There being no objection, the certificate was ordered to be printed in the RECORD, as follows:

EXECUTIVE CHAMBERS  
Honolulu

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To the President of the Senate of the United States:

This is to certify that, pursuant to the power vested in me by the Constitution of the United States and the laws of the State of Hawai'i, I, Neil Abercrombie, the governor of said State, do hereby appoint Brian Schatz a Senator from said State to represent said State in the Senate of the United States until the vacancy therein caused by the death of Daniel K. Inouye, is filled by election as provided by law.

Witness: His excellency our governor Neil Abercrombie, and our seal hereto affixed at the Hawai'i State Capitol this 26th day of December, in the year of our Lord 2012.

By the governor:

NEIL ABERCROMBIE,  
Governor.  
BRIAN SCHATZ,  
Lieutenant Governor.

[State Seal Affixed]

## ADMINISTRATION OF THE OATH OF OFFICE

The VICE PRESIDENT. If the Senator-Designee will now present himself at the desk, the Chair will administer the oath of office.

The Senator-Designee, escorted by Mr. AKAKA and Mr. REID, advanced to the desk of the Vice President, the oath prescribed by law was administered to him by the Vice President, and he subscribed to the oath in the Official Oath Book.

The VICE PRESIDENT. Congratulations, Senator.

(Applause, Senators rising)

The PRESIDENT pro tempore. The majority leader.

## WELCOMING SENATOR BRIAN SCHATZ

Mr. REID. Mr. President, on behalf of the entire Senate, I welcome Senator BRIAN SCHATZ to the Senate. I congratulate him on his appointment to fill the seat of the late Senator Dan Inouye who, as we all know, was an institution in and of himself.

Senator SCHATZ is now one of the youngest Senators in this body. Nevertheless, he has a long history of serving the State of Hawaii. Prior to entering politics, Senator SCHATZ served for 8 years as the CEO of Helping Hands Hawaii, one of Hawaii's largest nonprofit social services organizations. He also served four terms in the Hawaii House

of Representatives and served until just a few minutes ago as the Lieutenant Governor of the State of Hawaii.

Having been a Lieutenant Governor he has experience as a legislator, and then as one of the presiding officers of the entire Senate, speaks for itself in helping to prepare for the job he has here. I expect he will build upon the foundation laid by Senator Inouye in the Senate. While no one can fill the shoes of our friend Senator Inouye, BRIAN SCHATZ is a young man with a future full of promise and opportunity.

I ask unanimous consent that the Senator from Hawaii, Mr. AKAKA, now be recognized.

The PRESIDENT pro tempore. The senior Senator from Hawaii is recognized.

Mr. AKAKA. Mr. President, I rise to welcome Hawaii's new Senator, BRIAN SCHATZ. BRIAN is a leader for Hawaii's present and for our future and I welcome him with much aloha pumehana, which means warm love.

I also welcome and congratulate Senator SCHATZ's wife Linda; their children, Tyler and Mia; his twin brother, and Senator SCHATZ's proud parents, Dr. Irwin and Mrs. Barbara Schatz.

Senator SCHATZ arrives in Washington during a sad time as we continue to mourn the loss of our champion, Senator Dan Inouye. Dan Inouye will always be a legend in Hawaii. He will never be replaced.

At Dan Inouye's memorial service in Honolulu this past weekend, I was reminded of how many people he touched in Hawaii and across the country. We must honor his legacy by working together for the people of Hawaii.

I thank BRIAN for volunteering for this incredible responsibility. He only learned of his appointment yesterday and did not have any time to spare, so he hopped on Air Force One and flew straight to Washington to be sworn in today.

We need him here now because we are facing a major challenge, one that regrettably has been created by Congress in our own inability to thus far compromise. The looming spending cuts and tax increases known as the fiscal cliff must be fixed within the next 5 days.

Mahalo—thank you—BRIAN, for accepting this challenge.

I am here to help Senator SCHATZ in any way I can. While there are other talented leaders in Hawaii who stepped forward and who would also have been excellent appointees, I know my colleagues will join me in supporting Senator BRIAN SCHATZ for the good of Hawaii.

Throughout my 36-year career in Congress, the Hawaii delegation has always been unified. We have always put Hawaii first before our individual ambition. We must continue that. Hawaii comes first.

I have followed BRIAN SCHATZ's career for many years. He was an active member of the Hawaii State House of Representatives for 8 years before be-

coming the CEO of Helping Hands Hawaii, a nonprofit organization that provides human services in the islands. As Lieutenant Governor, he has been a big part of our community. He has been an outspoken supporter of our troops and veterans and defender of our environment.

Senator SCHATZ will be a strong progressive voice for Hawaii in the Senate. He will advance freedom and equality. He will be a strong voice on climate change, expanding clean renewable energy, and protecting our precious natural resources. He will defend our Native Hawaiians and all our Nation's first people—those Americans who exercised sovereignty on lands that later became part of the United States. He will uphold the values and priorities of our unique State.

I say to my friend, the new junior Senator from Hawaii, never forget that he is here with the solemn responsibility to do everything he can to represent the people of Hawaii, to make sure their needs are addressed in every policy discussion, and to speak up and seek justice for those who cannot help themselves.

God bless you, Senator SCHATZ. God bless Hawaii. God bless the United States of America.

The PRESIDENT pro tempore. The Senator from Nevada.

Mr. REID. Mr. President, before my friend from Hawaii leaves the floor, we have all come and given speeches—a lot of us, at least—about Senator AKAKA, but we have not had a lot of people on the floor when we have done that.

The presentation just now is typical for DAN AKAKA: never a word about himself, always about somebody else. If the new Senator has Senator AKAKA's qualities—the kindest, gentlest person I have ever served in this body with—it is something for which he should strive. The shoes he has to fill, we all know—AKAKA and Inouye—are significant to fill, but he can do that.

For you, Senator AKAKA—with these people on the floor—we are going to miss you so much. You are a wonderful human being and have been a great Senator.

Mr. AKAKA. I yield the floor, Mr. President.

Mr. REID. I suggest the absence of a quorum.

The PRESIDENT pro tempore. The clerk will call the roll.

The legislative clerk proceeded to call the roll.

Mr. BLUNT. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the order for the quorum call be rescinded.

The PRESIDENT pro tempore. Without objection, it is so ordered.

## FISA AMENDMENTS ACT REAUTHORIZATION ACT OF 2012—Continued

## COMMENDING THE PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE

Mr. BLUNT. Mr. President, also on two things that do not relate to my